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ABSTRACT

Written to help social studies teachers, this annotated bibliography identifies the best contemporary materials available to develop and implement exciting, innovative lessons. The first section identifes resources that are listed under seven subject headings: (1) U.S. history; (2) civics and law-related education; (3) world history, including world cultures and western civilization; (4) geography; (5) psychology; (6) writing resources; and (7) reading development. A second section lists several social studies organizations, many of which publish curriculum materials and sponsor workshops and conferences. The final section identifies publishers of social studies materials including major textbook companies and smaller companies that specialize in creative, low-cost materials. (KM)

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SOURCES AND RESOURCES FOR THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER: A SELECT ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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The conscientious social studies teacher wants to find the best materials and ideas to make their lessons exciting, innovative and challenging but there are hundreds of sources from which to choose. In order to make that task less daunting, the following annotated bibliography has been prepared. We have used our personal and professional judgement and experience to select what we believe is a comprehensive collection which represents the best of contemporary social studies sources and materials. Because materials are expensive and departments possess limited funds to purchase supplemental materials, we have indicated our "best of the best" with an *. In parentheses after each title and annotation is listed the publisher. If abbreviated, refer to the section on publishers for clarification.

Each teacher can and should compile their "best of the best" but we hope that this will be a starting place for the new teacher and a source of one or two new ideas for every veteran. If we've overlooked a "gem" that you're familiar with, please share it with us so we can add it to this resource guide.

I. RESOURCES BY SUBJECT AREA

UNITED STATES HISTORY

* **Public Issues Series** (soft cover texts, $3.00 each) SSEC has revised and reprinted six of the most popular of these small booklets, long out of print. With their emphasis on moral development and ethical decision-making, these book were among the best of the "New Social Studies" materials of the 1960's. Topics include The New Deal, Immigration and The Progressive Movement. Don't miss these classics to supplement your U.S. History course. (SSEC)

* Discovering the American Past: A Look at the Evidence, William Wheeler & Susan Becker (2 books--Vol. I:To 1877 & Vol. II:Since 1877, softcover texts, approx. $25.00 per book). An outstanding inquiry-based approach in which students "do" history rather than passively absorb it. Each chapter begins with a problem and then students sift through primary source materials to derive an answer. Sample chapter problems include; What was the European perception of the American Indian? What happened when people's ideas about women's "proper place" conflicted with the labor needs of the new factory system (in Lowell, MA)? Appropriate for middle to high achieving secondary students and AP courses.

Advanced Placement American History, (2 spiralbound books with reproducible pages - $37.95 each). One or two day lessons with a variety of methods involving analysis and writing skills. Eighty lessons range from colonial times to Reagan. (Brown-SSSS)

Legends, Lies And Cherished Myths Of American History, Richard Shenkman (hardcover $15.95, soft $7.95). A source of quotes and anecdotes to spice up lessons and debunk some of the hoary myths of our past. Sex, war, immigrants and presidents are among the categories. (SSSS)

* The Good Old Days - They Were Terrible!, Otto L. Bettmann (paperback, $9.95). Another myth debunking book which shows some of the realities of life from the Civil War to WWI. Short sections containing many illustrations on such topics as housing, food and drink, travel and leisure are sure to interest your students. (SSSS)

Involvement: Simulations In United States History, (4 sets of six simulations, $15.00 each). If you think simulations are too long and complicated for you to use, think again. These 1-2 day lessons are short, clear and well-organized, with topics such as Immigration, Depression, Locating A Colony and The Presidency. (SSSS)

* Reasoning With Democratic Values: Ethical Problems in United States History, Lockwood & Harris (2 paperbacks and teacher's manual, $31.00). An outstanding two-volume supplement to U.S. History textbooks. Students read of historical figures facing difficult moral dilemmas in U.S. history and are then asked to share their own moral reasoning about the dilemma. Fifty episodes comprise the series and include the Salem Witch Trials, the Nez Perce incident, the Bakke Decision and Watergate.

Primary Source Document Series. (7 sets of photocopy masters, $10.95-$13.95 or $79.95 for all seven sets). Ten to fifteen documents in each set, averaging 5 pages per document with review questions. An inexpensive, flexible way to bring primary sources within the reach of all your students. Includes court cases, speeches, charters and treaties. (SSSS)

Calhoun vs. Garrison - 1849: Great American Confrontations. (A simulation for 10-35 students in 1-2 class periods, $15.00). One of a series which use a simulated television debate format to explore the views of key individuals in major historical controversies. Complete role descriptions and teaching suggestions are included. (Interact-SSSS)

American Literature. (2 books, 40 lessons/60 handouts, $37.95 each). These lessons will help bring the power of literature into your history class. Literary excerpts, letters, songs and interpretations bring all the best of American writing and culture to your students. (Brown-SSSS)

Teaching Economics In American History: A Teacher's Manual. George Dawson and Edward Prehn (paperback, $10.95). Includes suggested concepts, questions, activities and other materials for the inclusion of economics in twenty-one areas of U.S. history. (Brown-SSSS)

* The Lessons of The Vietnam War: A Modular Textbook. (12 student booklets, guide in 3-ring binder, $34.95). If you can afford only one teaching resource on the Vietnam War, buy this first. An excellent set of readings and activities developed by veterans groups. (SSSS)

Evaluating Viewpoints: Critical Thinking in U.S. History Series. Kevin O'Reilly (4 volume paperback series at $16.95 per book and $15.95 per teacher's guide). The overriding goal of this series is to develop students' critical thinking through the analysis of historical documents, issues and events. For example, in Book One: Colonies to Constitution, students consider the evidence, cause/effect relationships, generalizations, assumptions, and the nature of proof regarding such issues as the Salem Witchcraft Trials, Causes of the American Revolution, and Shays' Rebellion. (Midwest Publications; P.O. Box 448; Pacific Grove, CA 93950).

Teaching Strategies for Ethnic Studies. James Banks (paperback, $21.95). Valuable background information and lesson ideas are provided to aid the classroom teacher in the study of ethnic groups in the U.S.

A People's History of the United States. Howard Zinn (paperback, $8.95). Zinn's narrative provides alternative perspectives, interpretations and evidence regarding events in U.S. history that challenge the conventional wisdom of most middle and high school textbooks.

Law In U.S. History: A Teacher Resource Manual. Melinda Smith, Ed. (reproducible student materials, guide, $21.95). Includes a variety of highly involving law-related activities and topics for infusion in the study of U.S. history. (SSEC-SSSS)

The Causes of the American Revolution, Thomas Ladenburg (paperback, $21.95). Sixteen 1-4 day student active lesson plans and reading materials are provided that include the following titles: The Colonies under Mercantile Trade Laws, The Stamp Act and Virtual Representation, Kent State and Recurring History, By What Right--The State of Nature and the Right to Rebel. (SSEC)

Making the Constitution, Thomas Ladenburg (paperback, $21.95). Thirteen, 1-4 day student active lesson plans and reading materials are provided that include the following titles: Writing a Constitution, Paper Money and Shays' Rebellion, Representation by State or Population, Local Control vs. National Authority, Majority Rule vs. Checks & Balances, The Founders' Motives. (SSEC)

Critical Thinking Handbook: High School. Richard Paul (paperback, $18.95: call 707-664-2940). Summarizes the concept of critical thinking and its manifestation in the classroom. Numerous examples from across the four academic disciplines are given of "traditional" lesson plans and how they might be modified to more effectively engage students in critical thinking.

CIVICS AND LAW-RELATED EDUCATION

* The Jefferson Meeting on the Constitution, (teacher's guide and a set of 9 student discuss guides on 9 different issues, $12.00 complete). Each of the 20-35 page pamphlets explores a different issues regarding the structure and performance of the national government. Issues include: Should we abolish the electoral college? Should we limit the Chief Executive to a single six-year term? Is the separation of powers more of an asset or hindrance to the effective performance of government today? (The Jefferson Foundation; 1529 18th Street, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20036).

U.S. Government. (2 spiralbound books with reproducible pages, $34.95 each). There are 75 lessons which deal with a variety of theoretical and practical aspects of government. The federal government is highlighted, with some material on state and local processes. (Brown-SSSS)

Law In The Classroom: Activities and Resources, Mary Jane Turner and Lynn Parisi (spiralbound book, $24.95). This three part resource is invaluable for the breadth of topics and techniques which are included in its ninety activities. Both civil and criminal law are addressed. (SSEC-SSSS)

* Lessons On The Constitution, John Patrick and Richard Remy (spiralbound book, $13.00). The best single source on constitutional lessons and activities for a variety of students and courses. Includes detailed lesson plans and reproducible activity sheets. (SSSS)

* The Idea of Liberty: First Amendment Freedoms. Isidore Starr (approx. $20.00). Addresses the "six principles of the idea of liberty" (i.e., separation of church & state, freedom of religion, of speech, of the press, right to peaceably assemble, and petition to redress grievances). Each of the six sections includes a historical backdrop, the Court's landmark rulings, and case studies where the student must assume the role of a Supreme Court Justice. (West Publishing Co., St. Paul, MN).

Great Decisions. (Foreign Policy Association, 729 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10019, $10-20 donation requested). Each year approximately eight issues (e.g., Ethics in International Relations, Latin American Debt, International Drug Traffic, Farmers, Food & the Global Supermarket) are presented in a single publication. A detailed reading is provided on each issue, as are suggested readings and discussion questions. A Great Decisions Activity Book is also available each year ($19.95).

* Street Law (hardcover text, $22.00). The most comprehensive textbook for high school law courses which is available today. Makes extensive use of case studies and other LRE techniques and includes a helpful teacher's manual. (NICEL-West Publishing Co.)

WORLD HISTORY -- WORLD CULTURES -- WESTERN CIVILIZATION

* World History, (spiralbound with reproducible pages. $34.95, 4 for $125). Supplemental material covering a wide range of world history. One-hundred and fifty creative lessons emphasize critical thinking skills and suggest a variety of student outputs. (Brown-SSSS)

* World Eagle, (64 Washburn Ave., Wellesley, MA 02181; 1-800-634-3805). A 36-page monthly publication ($37.95 per year for 10 issues) that provides the creative teacher with extensive data, maps and graphs regarding the topic or issue featured that month (e.g., education and employment, the Far East, U.S. and World Energy, Federal Budget priorities, the Developing World). Six regional atlases (i.e., Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the U.S.) with reproducible pages are also available ($26.50 each). These materials offer outstanding opportunities to engage students in data analysis, hypothesizing and inferencing.

Teaching About Africa: Tradition and Change, (activity book with reproducible pages, $29.95). Twenty-five varied activities emphasize peoples, cultures and geography as they interact with concepts such as modernization and independence. (SSSS)

Contemporary Japan: A Teaching Workbook, Roberta Martin and Amy Heinrich (loose-leaf resource book, $48.00). A wide range of activities, including readings, film exercises, maps and role-playing scenarios. (SSSS)

ECONOMICS

Economics, (2 spiralbound books with reproducible pages, $66.95). Seventy lessons equally divided among micro- and macro-economics topics relating to the American economy. Includes role-plays, skits, puzzles and group discussion lessons. (Brown-SSSS)

* Economics Action Pac, Diane Keenan (spiralbound book with reproducible pages, $16.95). Twenty one- and two-day lessons which develop major concepts in a clear and simple format. Valuable for enlivening that "dry" textbook. (SSSS)

Teaching About The Future: Tools, Topics and Lessons, John Haas et al. (activity book with reproducible pages, $21.95). Multidisciplinary lessons are designed to fit into a variety of courses, especially introducing time graphs, futures wheels and the cross-impact matrix. (SSSS)

Teaching Economics In American History: A Teacher's Manual. George Dawson and Edward Prehn (paperback, $10.95). Includes suggested concepts, questions, activities and other materials for the inclusion of economics in twenty-one areas of U.S. history. (Brown-SSSS)

GEOGRAPHY

Geographic Perspectives: Content-Based Activities. (reproducible activity book, $29.95). A wide variety of activities follow the NCGE's five themes as they cover major world areas. (SSSS)

Teaching Geography In American History. Alan Backler (paperback $3.00). A short book with ideas for incorporating geographic themes into the U.S. history course. Includes five detailed model lessons. (SSDC-SSSS)

PSYCHOLOGY -- DECISION MAKING

The New Model Me. John Rowe, Marvin Pasch and William Hamilton (student text, $10.95 and teacher's manual, $13.95). A variety of units focus on alternatives for solving personal problems. (SSSS)

* Where Do I Stand? Challenges in the Social Studies, Betty Cole, Carl Martz and Paul Murray (paperback activity book, $10.95). Forty-six activities in five areas dealing with personal values and decision making. Includes "Pay Them What They're Worth" and "Auschwitz - Who Was to Blame?". (SSSS)

Being Fair And Being Free: A Human Relations Program for the Secondary School. (20 reproducible activity sheets, $10.00). ADL materials on prejudice and how to combat it, from Jim Crow laws to apartheid and Hitler's Germany. (SSSS)

WRITING RESOURCES

Teaching Writing Skills: A Global Approach. John Benegar (spiralbound with reproducible activities, $29.95). Thirty lessons make use of a variety of global issues and concepts to teach writing skills. An excellent way to introduce writing into your social studies curriculum. (CTIR-SSSS)

READING DEVELOPMENT

Teaching Reading In The Social Studies: A Global Approach. George Otero and Carol Moeller (activity book w/reproducible pages, $24.95). Forty topical lessons in several sections involve concept development, vocabulary and specialized reading activities. (CTIR-SSSS)

II. ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

There are many excellent social studies organizations. Below are listed some of the major umbrella groups and several more specialized organizations. We recommend that you join a number of these organizations.

American Bar Association, Special Committee on Youth Education and Citizenship (750 North Lakeshore Dr., Chicago, IL, 60611). Update on Law-Related Education is the best source of LRE articles, lessons and court updates. These people also sponsor an excellent national convention and provide several other valuable curriculum and planning resources.

Center for Research and Development in Law-Related Education (Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC 27109). Have collected a library of excellent teacher-developed lessons in law-related education and also sponsor summer workshops for teachers. A free newsletter is available.

Center for Teaching International Relations (University of Denver, Denver, CO, 80208). Publishers of many creative activity books in the global studies field.

Constitutional Rights Foundation (601 South Kingsley Dr., Los Angeles, CA, 90005). Their Bill of Rights in Action is an excellent, brief source of lessons which infuse law-related education into history and government courses and it's free! Also a producer of several other good materials.

Educators for Social Responsibility (11 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138) An advocacy group which promotes world peace and nuclear disarmament. They have a variety of educational materials.

ERIC (SSDC, 2805 East 10th St., Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405). The national research center for curriculum, articles and social studies items in general. Their periodical "Digests" are an excellent way to keep on top of new ideas and their "searches" are invaluable for curriculum planning or research.

* Handbook of Research on Social Studies Teaching and Learning. James P. Shaver, Editor (MacMillen Publishing Company, 866 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022 $54.50). This recently published volume (1991) is a must for every social studies department in America! Its 660 pages include the best current research findings on all aspects of the field and will be an invaluable reference tool for years to come.

Indiana Council for the Social Studies (2805 East 10th St. #110, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405). One of the best state councils in the nation. Their "Viewpoints" newsletter is worth the $15 membership fee all by itself, as it includes dozens of opportunities (conferences, summer institutes, international travel) and new resources in each issue.

Joint Council on Economic Education (1212 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036). A source of excellent curriculum documents and course guides.

National Council for Geographic Education (Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL 61455). One-stop source of information on issues and events in the geography field.

National Council for the Social Studies (3501 Newark St., NW, Washington, DC 20016). "Social Education" belongs on the reading list of every professional, with it's monthly variety of articles, ideas and resources. This is your national organization!

National Institute for Citizen Education in the Law (711 G St., S.E., Washington, DC 20003). Originators of Street Law, this group is a great source of workshop presenters and projects in law-related education. They sponsor several national projects which take LRE classroom teacher "experts" and train them to present workshops in their district and state. An excellent way to get "connected" with a wide variety of LRE resources.

National Women's History Project (Box 3716, Santa Rosa, CA 95402). A clearinghouse of information on this topic and a source of many good materials for reducing the gender bias in our schools and society.

New England History Teachers Association (Dept. of History, Bentley College, Waltham, MA 02254). Publishers of the New England History Bulletin which deals with a wide variety of historical topics. The Association sponsors several workshops and conferences throughout the school year.

New Hampshire Bar Association Law-Related Advisory Board (N.H. Bar Center, 112 Pleasant St., Concord, N.H. 03301). Publishes LRE Concepts (free) and sponsors an annual LRE conference. Also offers mock trial competitions, Lawyer in Every School day and a variety of other workshops and services. Get on the mailing list!

New Hampshire Council for the Social Studies (Mark Vallone, Membership Chair, McKelvie Middle School, Bedford, NH 03102). The council publishes Horizons and Every So Often (an occasional newsletter), and sponsors the annual conference each fall. A must for New Hampshire teachers!

OAH Magazine (Organization of American Historians, 112 N. Bryan St., Bloomington, IN 47408-4199). A wonderful magazine for American history teachers. Each issue includes a major theme section, with several articles and lesson ideas, and a variety of other useful materials. Your practical contact with professional historians.

Social Science Education Consortium (855 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80302). A source of creative activity books on a variety of social science topics, SSEC is in the forefront of "best practices" in the field.

The Social Studies (Heldref Publications, 4000 Albemarle St., N.W., Washington, DC 20016). An excellent magazine filled with many short articles which run the gamut of social studies topics. An emphasis on practical ideas and applications of research findings.

Social Studies Development Center (2805 East 10th St., Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405). The home for a number of the best social studies educators and curriculum writers in the country and the national repository for ERIC. Get on the mailing list and you'll see the best of new ideas in a variety of social studies areas.

Three "area studies" centers at universities in the greater Boston area are a valuable source of ideas, workshops and resource people:

African Studies Outreach Program (Boston University, 264/270 Bay State Rd., Boston, MA 02215

Center for Middle Eastern Studies;

Soviet and East European Language and Area Center
(Harvard University, 1727 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138)

III. PUBLISHERS

There are dozens of publishers of social studies materials, including all of the major textbook companies. We encourage you to maintain an up-to-date department file of all catalogs.

In addition, there are a number of smaller companies which specialize in unique, creative and low-cost materials. We encourage you to get on the mailing lists of these companies.

WM. C. BROWN, PUBLISHER (Box 539, Dubuque, IA 52004-0539). A source of many creative spiralbound resource books with excellent lessons in a variety of curriculum areas.

CENTER FOR TEACHING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (University of Denver, Denver, CO 80208). Excellent resource books with a wide variety of creative lessons in the area of global studies.

COBBLESTONE PUBLISHING, (30 Grove St., Peterborough, N.H. 03458). Provides outstanding supplemental readings for the middle grades (5-9) in three monthly to bimonthly publications: Cobblestone (a U.S. History magazine), Calliope (a World History magazine), and Faces (a magazine about people). Subscriptions vary from $17.95 to $22.95 per year.

DUSHKIN PUBLISHING GROUP, INC. (Sluice Dock, Guilford, CN 06437)
The source of many "Annual Editions" titles, books which collect the best of current articles on a wide range of social science topics.

GREENHAVEN PRESS, INC. (Box 289009, San Diego, CA 92198-0009).
This company publishes literally dozens of paperbacks which emphasize critical thinking through their "Opposing Viewpoints" format. An inexpensive way to explore issues in greater depth with your students.

INTERACT (Box 997-S2-91, Lakeside, CA 92040). A great number of simulations and other interactive lessons can be found here, including debate and letter writing activities.

JACKDAWS PUBLICATIONS. (Division of Golden Owl Publishing, Box A03, Amawalk, NY 10501). Jackdaws are packets of primary source documents on topics such as the "Russian Revolution", "The Great Depression" and "Slavery". An excellent, inexpensive source of documentary material, especially useful for displays and cooperative learning activities.

SOCIAL ISSUES RESOURCES SERIES, INC. (Box 2348, Boca Raton, FL 33427-2348). SIRS has two primary formats, with the greatest variety in collections of articles on a wide variety of social science topics (these are a must for your school library). They also publish, in conjunction with the National Archives, an excellent series of primary source document sets on American History, which include 40 to 50 documents with extensive teaching suggestions.

SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION CONSORTIUM. (855 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80302). A premier social studies "think tank" which publishes many excellent teacher resource books on a variety of topics. They are also the source for the revised Public Issues series, an invaluable and growing set of supplemental paperbacks emphasizing critical thinking and ethical decision-making.

SOCIAL STUDIES SCHOOL SERVICE (10200 Jefferson Blvd., Room 1811, Box 802, Culver City, CA 90232-0802). This is your "one-stop shopping" company for the widest range of social studies materials. They select the best from dozens of publishers (including all those listed here) and you pay the same price as from the original publisher. Their thick, red catalog should be to social studies teachers what Sears and Montgomery Ward were to rural America at the turn of the last century!

WILCOX-FOLLETT BOOK COMPANY (1000 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607). If you need to add a few copies to that set of texts you purchased three years ago, check here first! They sell "remainders", "buybacks" and used copies of hundreds of textbooks for all subject areas. Be sure to call to get their current numbers before ordering - the inventory changes daily.